LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A wrapping material ~~of claim 1,~~ for a smokable rod, the wrapping material comprising:

a wire side surface and a felt side surface; and

a pattern applied to the wire side surface of the wrapping material, the pattern (i) comprising at least one starch-based material and at least one filler material, and (ii) applied to the wrapping material as a water-based formulation,

wherein the pattern further comprises the starch-base material mixed with a polyvinylalcohol-stabilized emulsion polymer or copolymer, and

wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.

31. (Previously presented) The wrapping material of claim 30, wherein the polyvinylalcohol-stabilized emulsion copolymer comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.

32. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A wrapping material ~~of claim 1,~~ for a smokable rod, the wrapping material comprising:

a wire side surface and a felt side surface; and

a pattern applied to the wire side surface of the wrapping material, the pattern (i) comprising at least one starch-based material and at least one filler material, and (ii) applied to the wrapping material as a water-based formulation,

wherein the pattern further comprises the starch-base material mixed with a surfactant-stabilized emulsion polymer or copolymer, and wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.

33. (Previously presented) The wrapping material of claim 32, wherein the surfactant-stabilized emulsion copolymer comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.

34. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A wrapping material ~~of claim 1,~~ for a smokable rod, the wrapping material comprising:

a wire side surface and a felt side surface; and

a pattern applied to the wire side surface of the wrapping material, the pattern (i) comprising at least one starch-based material and at least one filler material, and (ii) applied to the wrapping material as a water-based formulation,

wherein the starch-based material comprises a cross-linked starch-based material comprising about 5 to 25 percent of the total weight of the starch-based material, and

wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A cigarette ~~material of claim 14,~~ having a rod shape and a longitudinal axis, the cigarette comprising:

a column of smokable material;

a wrapping material having a wire side surface and a felt side surface circumscribing the smokable material such that the felt side surface of the wrapping material faces the smokable material; and

a pattern applied to the wire side surface of the wrapping material, the pattern (i) comprising at least one starch-based material and at least one filler material, and (ii) applied to the wrapping material as a water-based formulation, wherein the pattern further comprises the starch-base material mixed with a polyvinylalcohol-stabilized emulsion polymer or copolymer, and

wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.

37. (Currently amended) The cigarette ~~material~~ of claim 36, wherein the polyvinylalcohol-stabilized emulsion copolymer comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.

38. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A cigarette ~~material of claim 14,~~ having a rod shape and a longitudinal axis, the cigarette comprising:

a column of smokable material;

a wrapping material having a wire side surface and a felt side surface circumscribing the smokable material such that the felt side surface of the wrapping material faces the smokable material; and

a pattern applied to the wire side surface of the wrapping material, the pattern (i) comprising at least one starch-based material and at least one filler material, and (ii) applied to the wrapping material as a water-based formulation,

wherein the pattern further comprises the starch-base material mixed with a surfactant-stabilized emulsion polymer or copolymer, and

wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.

39. (Currently amended) The cigarette ~~material~~ of claim 38, wherein the surfactant-stabilized emulsion copolymer comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.

40. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A cigarette ~~material of claim 14,~~ having a rod shape and a longitudinal axis, the cigarette comprising:

a column of smokable material;

a wrapping material having a wire side surface and a felt side surface circumscribing the smokable material such that the felt side surface of the wrapping material faces the smokable material; and

a pattern applied to the wire side surface of the wrapping material, the pattern (i) comprising at least one starch-based material and at least one filler material, and (ii) applied to the wrapping material as a water-based formulation,

wherein the starch-based material comprises a cross-linked starch-based material comprising about 5 to 25 percent of the total weight of the starch-based material, and

wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.